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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Xiao Bing WANG

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For:

DETECTION OF SEQUENCE VARIATION OF NUCLEIC ACID BY SHIFTED

TERMINATION ANALYSIS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following subsection:

## -- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/166,898, filed November 22, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.--